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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte STEPHEN PAUL BRENNAN and JAMES RALPH BRADFORD

Application No. 09/654,444
RA04-0065

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on October 24, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

Appellants filed a preliminary amendment to the Specification on December 4, 2000. A review of the application reveals that the amendment has not been entered. In addition, there is no indication on the record informing appellants as to the status of their amendment.

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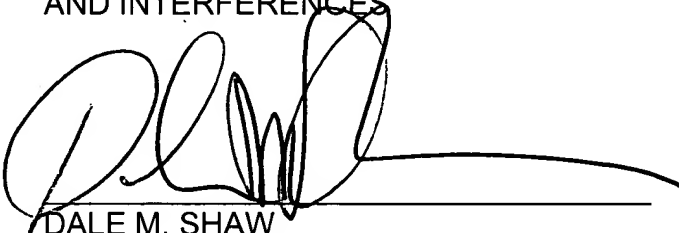
Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for entry of the amendment filed December 4, 2000, notification to appellants in writing of the action taken, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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